

October 20, 2017

Dear Families,

This week in first grade:

**Language Arts:**

- We read "Cod Fish" during Foundations. The stories read during Foundations are controlled text which means they only include words with the phonics rules we have learned and the trick words we have learned so far.
- We played trick word ball-it was a big hit!
- We learned how to "unfreeze" our writing by making characters talk and move.
- We learned how to make our stories more interesting by telling them in itsy-bitsy steps.
- We learned how to bring the inside out by making our characters think and feel.
- During Reading Workshop we learned more about how partners help us to solve hard words and help us talk more about books, leaving any bad habits behind!

**Math:**

- Double-flap dot cards were introduced this week. The class explored various ways to generate addition and subtraction problems using the double-flap cards.
- The class made their own cards and wrote their own set of related equations or *fact families*. After a lot of practice they then wrote story problems to match the equations on their double-flap card.

**Social Skills:**

- Voted on Classroom Citizen of the Week
- Students attended an assembly to address the difference between being unkind/rude and bullying.
- Shared time with Ms. Ehret's class and worked on working together, compromise and flexibility. We had a reflection time at the end so students could share what went well and what areas were challenging.

**Upcoming Events/Reminders:**

- Picture re-takes-Thursday, October 26th
- Parent-Teacher conferences-November 2nd and 3rd. The 2nd is an early release day and the 3rd school is not in session for students. Please make arrangements for your children that day.
- Winter Concert-November 30th at 6:30!!
- Tissues and Clorox Wipes always welcome!
- We will have a small Halloween Celebration on the 31st. Ms. Ehret and I will supply the goodies for the party. **Please NO COSTUMES**

As always, call or email with any questions, concerns or successes!  
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